

according, but because of the Capitol evacuation which postponed votes, I was unable to be present. I was required to be in the district the following morning to participate in the Base Realignment and Closure hearing and there was no other flight available. Had I been present I would have cast the following votes:

On rollcall 336, I would have voted "yes"; on rollcall 337, I would have voted "no"; on rollcall 338, I would have voted "yes"; on rollcall 339, I would have voted "yes"; on rollcall 340, I would have voted "yes"; on rollcall 341, I would have voted "no"; on rollcall 342, I would have voted "yes"; on rollcall 343, I would have voted "yes"; on rollcall 344, I would have voted "yes."

**INTRODUCTION OF 'KEVIN'S LAW':
THE MEAT AND POULTRY
PATHOGEN REDUCTION AND EN-
FORCEMENT ACT**

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 30, 2005

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to join my colleague Representative PHIL ENGLISH in introducing important bipartisan legislation, 'Kevin's Law': the Meat and Poultry Pathogen Reduction and Enforcement Act. This bipartisan bill will strengthen the ability of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to set and enforce food safety and sanitation standards for meat and poultry.

Kevin's Law is named in memory of 2½-year-old Kevin Kowalczyk, who died so tragically in 2001 after eating a hamburger contaminated with E. coli O157:H7. Kevin's untimely death was agonizing and brutal. No child, no person should experience the pain that Kevin did, and no family should have to bear witness to a loved one suffering in the way that Kevin did.

Sadly, Americans are far too vulnerable to fatal foodborne illnesses, especially children and the elderly. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that foodborne diseases cause roughly 76 million illnesses, 325,000 hospitalizations, and 5,000 deaths each year. The tragedy is that many of these illnesses can be prevented with better science standards and enforcement. Congress must do much more to ensure the safety of our nation's food supply.

In 2003, the National Academy of Sciences report Scientific Criteria to Ensure Safe Food recommended that Congress give regulatory agencies "the clear authority to establish and enforce compliance with science-based food safety criteria, including performance standards." This legislation is just what the doctor ordered. Kevin's Law addresses these recommendations and will help ensure that the government has the authority it needs to prevent contaminated meat and poultry from entering our food supply by:

Requiring the USDA to identify the pathogens that threaten human health (e.g. Salmonella, E. coli O157:H7, Listeria monocytogenes).

Requiring the USDA to establish performance standards to reduce the presence of these pathogens in meat and poultry.

Confirming that the USDA has the authority to enforce its own standards by shutting down

plants that continually breach basic health standards—authority that some processors have repeatedly challenged in court.

Passage of Kevin's Law would put into place major recommendations of the National Academy of Sciences and the National Advisory Committee for Microbiological Criteria for Foods, both of which have consistently supported greater federal enforcement of food safety standards.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the current 22 co-sponsors of Kevin's Law for their support of this bill, and I encourage all my colleagues to join me in helping to protect millions of other Americans from fatal foodborne illnesses by passing this legislation.

Finally, I thank Kevin's family for sharing their tragic story with the world, and especially Kevin's mother, Barbara Kowalczyk, and his grandmother, Pat Buck, for their continued important advocacy on behalf of increased safety standards for meat and poultry.

**HONORING COLONEL BRIAN C.
KING**

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 30, 2005

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute United States Air Force Colonel Brian C. King upon his retirement. Colonel King has had a lifetime of dedication to serving and protecting the United States, reflected in his many honors with the Air Force.

Colonel King began his illustrious career in 1978, graduating from Central Washington University as a distinguished graduate of the Air Force ROTC. He began his service to America as an F-15 fighter pilot in New Mexico. He followed the call of duty all over the globe, including a tour in Iceland, one with NATO forces in Italy, and various postings around the country.

He served as Assistant Deputy Commander at Laughlin AFB in Texas and has been intimately involved in the education of student pilots in each of his assignments. He currently serves as the Commander of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment unit at Fort Sheridan, IL. Colonel King has been decorated with the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Humanitarian Service Medal, among others. In short, Colonel King's distinguished career is reflected in the 23 major awards and decorations he has received.

Please join me in recognizing Colonel Brian C. King, who dedicated himself to protecting our country and educating America's future military leaders. I wish him and his family all the best in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 30, 2005

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the House on Monday, June 20, 2005 so that I could testify before the BRAC Commission regional hearing in St. Louis, MO

on behalf of Ft. Knox, an Army installation in my district designated for significant realignment. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way: H. AMDT. 328, Claiming religious proselytizing at the Air Force Academy, no; H. AMDT. 330, Prohibiting funds for activities in Uzbekistan, no; H. AMDT. 331, Prohibiting military action against Syria, Iran, N. Korea without Congress authority, no; H. AMDT. 333, Prohibiting funds for carrying out sections of the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program Act, no; and H.R. 2863, On final passage of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act of 2006, yea.

**IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM M.
MORGAN, III**

HON MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 30, 2005

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to William M. Morgan, III. Mr. Morgan has been a long time public servant to the Veterans of our great state and it is my honor to recognize his achievements today.

As a Veterans Service Officer from 1990 to 2002, Mr. Morgan provided assistance and counseling to veterans and their families across the state. He helped countless retirees obtain their benefits, and helped ensure our Nation made good on its promises to our heroes.

Mr. Morgan was later promoted to District Manager. He provided supervision and management of ten offices and fourteen employees and was known as a highly professional and dedicated leader.

Our Veterans deserve the very best treatment, Mr. Speaker, and it is because of the kindness and professionalism of public servants like William Morgan that many of our retirees of the Armed Forces enjoy lives of greater comfort and security.

Let us congratulate William Morgan, as well as his wife Pamela and his two daughters Whitney and Alexandria, on this important occasion, and thank him for his service to Alabama and to our Nation.

IN HONOR OF DR. JIM SINCLAIR

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 30, 2005

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Jim Sinclair, P.E., who is the first Vice President of the New Jersey Business and Industry Association and Executive Director of the New Jersey Policy Research Organization.

Dr. Sinclair is a dutiful public servant who has acted as Director of Redevelopment for the City of Trenton, Chairman of the New Jersey Housing Finance Authority, and Deputy Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, among other notable positions. His sense of civic duty, however, extends beyond the government. As a former Executive Assistant to the Commissioner of